

REMARKS

The indication of the allowance of Claims 1 to 6, 8, 9, 11 to 14, and 17 to 20 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Reconsideration of the Application as amended herein respectfully is requested.

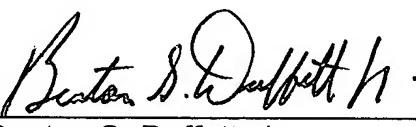
Each of the formal objections stated at Page 2 of the Official Action has been addressed. More specifically, Claims 10 has been amended to remedy the informality identified by the Examiner, Claims 7, 15, and 16 have been canceled, new Claim 21 is presented in independent format so as to express the phosphonates of component (C), and new Claims 22 and 23 are presented so as to depend from new independent Claim 21.

The Application is urged to be in condition for allowance. If there is any remaining point that requires clarification prior to the allowance of the Application, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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